

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Frederick G. St. Goar et al.	Art Unit	: 3734
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Title	: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CARDIAC VALVE REPAIR		

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 9, 2008

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.